

KNOCK, William E,

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William Knock

Services for William Knock were held Saturday, June 25, at Bethel Reformed Church, Davis, SD, with burial at the Hurley Cemetery.

William E. Knock was born April 7, 1915, in rural Davis, SD, to parents Andy and Anna (Smith) Knock. He died June 20, 2005, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg, SD, at the age of 90 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Bill attended Freling rural school. He then began his lifelong career as a farmer and raising cattle. Bill married Evelyn Tschetter Hoffman on November 22, 1972. She died December 26, 1989. Bill then married Opal Erickson on January 19, 1991. Opal died September 1, 2000, and he continued to reside on the farm south of Davis where he had been living his whole life.

Bill operated his family farm for over 70 years. He, his father Andy, and his brother Ben were

the first in South Dakota to raise Brown Swiss Cattle. He also checked water levels on the Vermillion River for the Corp of Engineers and the National Weather Service for over 30 years.

Bill was a member of the Bethel Reformed Church Centerville Masonic Lodge, Yankton Consistory, El Riad Shrine of Sioux Falls and the Parker Shrine Club. He loved his German Shepherd dogs and one of his favorite pastimes was going out to eat at the Parker Steak House. Bill also enjoyed spending time with his family and the families of his wives, Evelyn Tschetter Hoffman and Opal Erickson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives and his brother Ben.

Survivors include his sister Valeria Shade and husband Jerry of Yankton; 2 nephews: Alan Shade and wife Karen of Davis and Kim Shade of Medora, ND; 3 nieces: Sondra Stickney and husband Frank of Elk Point, SD, Sheran Cramer of Omaha, NE and Judith Bates and husband Steve of Omaha, NE; several great nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.